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* * The endeavor on the part of a certain class of politicians to fix upon Mr. Montague the stigma of political ingratitude has signally failed. Some issues ago, the News from information in its possession, boldly denied these charges and offered, in addition, to substantiate its own assertions as to the manner in which, and the influences by which, Mr. Montague's nomination as Attorney-General was secured. We also charged that Messrs. Swanson and Martin had boasted their ability to aid and abet in defeating Mr. Montague for re-nomination as Attorney-General. The Swanson press has not denied our assertions or controverted our denials.—Last issue of North ern Neck News.

Whoa, now, Dogberry! it is "weally too bad" that no one will take notice of the wallings of our little friend down in the Northern Neck. It had defied the world—and mortified the flesh and the devil—in a challenge presumably spread over a county or two and some scattering cities to take it up on the claim of Mr. Swanson in having about seven out of ten of the Congressional delegation in his favor, but no one dared face this pugnacious Falstaff on the bloody arena. Too bad that so much good should be pent up and not spent for the good of the cause. It almost makes one's heart bleed for the unhappy condition of this individual who stands so valiantly above all others in diffusing vaporings for its champion. The taunts of Elijah fit across one's mind, and we think possibly it is because our Warsaw friend is too far from base; he should shout a little louder; maybe, too, the ears of the gods are stopped.

Its challenge on that line seems to have been ignominiously ignored, so it is emboldened to throw out another—as will be seen in the foregoing extract. The allusion it makes to some issues ago we recall only as one wherein our contemporary claimed that Congressman Jones deserved as much credit as did Mr. Swanson for making Mr. Montague Attorney-General. Possibly he may, as it is presumed that one Congressman worked as ardently for the Democratic nominee of the Roanoke convention as did another. However, Mr. Jones has as much right to be boosted by his own home organ as anyone else, and there is no fault to find with the Northern Neck paper in its strenuous efforts of late to push Mr. Jones to the front. We thought he was all right down in that country, but are forced to think his fences need considerable repairs from the hatchet sounds that are coming out of the Neck. Now, not for the world would we have that gentleman jump into print to show us how Mr. Montague's nomination was accomplished at Roanoke. It might cause hard feelings if explained how another's candidacy was wrecked. No, we are content to have lavished upon us accounts of how he is to be nominated for Governor.

It's Mr. Montague who is running for Governor just now, not Mr. Jones, and we were led to believe that the latter gentleman was going to keep his head down in this fight, for, on January 18th, his home paper declared that it would not take any part in the contest for the present. But the writer of the editorial evidently had not consulted headquarters, for in the following issue, we believe, five out of six of its ringing editorials either abused Swanson or praised Montague, and the pop-gun firing has been kept up pretty constantly since. THE FIRE LANCE has apparently been a fair target for it, but this has only kept us amused, as we try not to let little things annoy us. If we can give employment to such excellent talent during isolation it will keep idle hands out of other mischief.

It is told on Hon. S. Wilkins Matthews, of Accomac, that he is kept busy explaining to his constituents that the bill fixing a tax on muskrats traps was a joke and was passed at a week session of the House. One of the Accomac papers is said to have printed the story as though the bill had actually become law.—Richmond Times.

They may joke the Honorable S. Wilkins as much as they please, but what he doesn't know about oysters, as well as muskrats, must be learned by another generation. His associates in the Legislature dubbed him "Muskrat" Matthews some sessions ago when he introduced a bill for the protection of muskrats, to apply to the Eastern Shore. Some up-country members raised a howl, because in their country the culinary properties possessed by this odorous rodent were unknown, and he was recognized only as an enemy to crops and the underminer of banks (not National banks).

The then new member from Accomac engineered a coup, and it was not long before he was accounted a sage of Tidewater. Mr. Matthews sent home for some dozens of the finest and fattest rats—muskrats—that could be found on the Eastern Shore. He engaged an experienced chef in Richmond, and laid a spread (and a snare) for his colleagues. The guests were bidden and came. They sat down and relished what to them was an unknown dish, but after expressing their enjoyment they were informed by their host that they had

dined upon the execrated muskrat. You heard nothing more but complimentary terms thereafter about Delegate Matthews and his muskrats, and now when he arises in defense of rats or oysters they give him ear and right-of-way.

Those Democratic members of the Constitutional Convention who may be opposed to submitting the work to a vote of the people, and yet wish to save as far as possible the party from the stigma of breaking its promise, may find an easy way of accomplishing their purposes by protracting the term of the Convention to a time when it will be too late to bring it before the people at the November election. Before another election day it is probable that the agitation would have largely subsided.

U. S. MARSHAL MORGAN TREAT has decided to become a candidate for delegate to the Constitutional Convention from Hanover and King William counties. He is a man of well-balanced brain, is popular with the masses and will no doubt draw votes from the Democratic ranks, in which he has many friends.

The National Government on Saturday paid over to the Spanish minister the \$100,000 as purchase money for those Sulu islands. Uncle Sam has now full title to the Sultans, with their harem. We should have expected a guarantee that there are no Aguinaldos in the bunch.

CLOSE upon the heels of Gen. Otis' announcement that we did not intend the capture of Aguinaldo comes the news that Gen. Funston is planning a subterfuge to capture the sorry Filipino. Guess Gen. Otis is sorry he spoke.

The Washington Post vastly prefers the French duel to the Kentucky feud or the West Virginia impromptu. Just help yourself, brother. Our appetite doesn't "hanker after" any one of the three "delicacies of the season."

YOUNG Mrs. Cora Sheets, of Baltimore, who has just been divorced from her husband because he skated with two girls, was evidently of the opinion that his lordship was cutting too much ice for her.

The death grip evidently struck the Fifty-Sixth Congress. Seventeen of its members have passed beyond the realm of political turmoil to grapple with things eternal.

The Southern Baptist Press Association, just held in Richmond, has proved that editors can use their tongues as well as their pencils.

The Richmond News says the Richmond Carnival is assured. Then it should be placed in the category with death and taxes.

The Manchurian Treaty may be characterized as the Constitutional Convention of the Orient—it savors of warfare.

OUR Nebraska Mr. Meiklejohn is trying to put candidate Rosewater in the hermetically-sealed Senatorial demijohn.

PORK is steadily advancing, but it is hoped that with the coming of warm weather butter will not get stronger.

Just at the present time Mr. Marcus Aurelius Hanna is playing the role of middle-man to the Nebraska Legislature.

IT is only human that Mr. Gorman should at the present time be suffering from an attack of self-importance.

RICHMOND should see an improvement in its bread while the dough punchers are on strike.

COL. WATERBORN thinks the Democracy needs a Moses to lead it from "where" it is "at."

GOV. WELLS' veto of the polygamy bill has made matrimony a species of contracted monopoly.

THE people of Essex county have a chance to Centercross the Montague Battery.

GROVER CLEVELAND should take a few lessons from Count Castellane before he goes a-gunning again.

BEING able to keep up two fires simultaneously Roanoke should be sent to the front.

CUBA has been Platted into a Constitutional tangle.

THE Carnegie fever does not appear to be contagious.

THERE may be danger to the Democratic party in the thirty-fourth birthday edition of Grover Cleveland's photographs.

CAROLINE Democrats.

The Democratic County Committee of Caroline has called precinct meetings to be held April 5th, to send delegates to a county convention to meet at Bowling Green April 8th, to nominate a candidate for the Constitutional Convention. Mr. W. L. Cobb, a prominent farmer and lumberman, will probably be the nominee.—Bowling Green letter in Dispatch.

Democrats of Stafford.

There will be a mass-meeting at Mountain View Tuesday, April 2nd, 1901, to elect delegates to confer with those from King George, at a date to be named hereafter, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for the Constitutional Convention. All Democrats are earnestly requested to be present.

D. M. Lee, Chairman.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Friday the Locust dale baseball team defeated St. Albans. Score, 7 to 3.

Frank Estes has sold his farm in Madison county, to Mr. Coffman, of Rockingham county.

Mr. J. O. Grant has twenty ewes which have produced forty-three lambs. —Clarke Courier.

At all the important wharves on the Rappahannock river Adams Express offices have been established.

Judge Nicol has granted a charter to the Warrenton Electric Company, the capital stock of which will be \$15,000.

Mr. Lee Rust, of Loudoun county, has gone to Ecuador to engage in work upon railroad contracts under engineers from the United States.

The Northern Neck Telegraph and Telephone Company has decided to build a branch telephone line from White Stone to Carter's Store, on Fleet's Island.

The Farmer and Fisherman is authority for the statement that the oyster and clam business on Chincoteague Island carried into that community \$250,000.

The lands of Geo. Parks, near Accomac, C. H., sold at public auction by the heirs recently, were bought by John and Orris Parks at \$3,475 and \$2,015, respectively.

Col. Jno. S. Mosby has been elected orator of the Society of the Alumni of the University of Virginia, on the occasion of its annual meeting June 11th, 1901.

The money for the Virginia Conference Orphanage has nearly all been collected and work on the building will begin soon. The site has not been definitely decided upon yet.

There is quite a contest going on in Culpeper over the proposition to establish a free mail delivery route in that county in the neighborhood of Alantus and Ryland post-offices.

The report of a negro man being robbed on his way home in Madison county from our last court, turns out to be a fake. It was a ruse to keep from paying a bill he owed.—Orange Virginian.

Mr. Wallace Sanford left on Monday last for Sanford Falls, N. Y., with three horses and some goods, which had been purchased from Col. W. W. Sanford by a gentleman of that place.—Orange Observer.

The Board of Fisheries are considering the advisability of placing in our waters on the ocean side, a naphtha launch, to better protect our oyster grounds, and to enforce the recent oyster law.—Peninsula Enterprise.

Mr. W. J. Stokes, of Rehoboth church, has eight ewes with sixteen lambs. He also has one sow which has in eleven months given birth to thirty-five pigs, from which he has realized \$100.00, and still has the sow and eleven pigs.—N. N. News.

A man, giving his name as Paul Jones, was arrested Friday at Colonial Beach, Westmoreland county. He is supposed to be the murderer of a priest, who died in this some weeks ago. He is being held for arrival of Philadelphia police to identify him.

Poles are being put in place in Culpeper for the erection of a telephone line through the town and county of Culpeper. There will be an exchange at Culpeper, and connection can be had with Orange, Charlottesville, Richmond, Petersburg, Fredericksburg, Staunton and all the principal places in Virginia.

On Thursday last there was a well attended meeting in the Mayor's office of parties from Culpeper, Rappahannock and adjoining counties, who considered the project of constructing an electric railway from Fredericksburg into Madison county and Rappahannock counties, by way of Culpeper or Remington.—Culpeper Exponent.

The following are among grand jurors to serve in the U. S. Circuit Court at Richmond on April 2nd: Wm. Haw, Hanover; Nat. Garrett, W. D. Dungee, J. S. Robinson, John Corrine, Andrew Nelson, W. P. Bray, T. P. Kirk, J. L. Bland, R. H. Williams, Jno. E. Lightfoot, Culpeper. Some of the petit jurors are: W. T. Downer, R. C. Hill, W. A. Sweet, Wm. Robins, King William, and Ellis Holladay, W. R. Vail and M. T. Lightfoot, Hanover.

POLITICAL.

Gillespie, the Republican nominee for the Constitutional Convention from Tazewell county, has been endorsed by the Democrats.

The Convention to nominate a candidate for the State Senate, to represent Culpeper, Rappahannock, Orange, and Madison counties, will be held in Culpeper on June 15th, 1901.

It is said Mr. Cleveland is aiming to be a candidate for the next Presidency. Hill and Gorman are both strong, and rumor says that Bryan will again get himself into the big race.

All fifteen of the Democratic candidates for the Constitutional Convention in Richmond have signed the pledge which some construe as binding those who were gold men to support the Democratic ticket in the next national election. None of them demurred.

Attorney-General Montague expresses the opinion that the people should postpone discussions about the gubernatorial fight until after the Constitutional Convention business is settled. He should have thought of this a little earlier, say last summer when he was ostensibly canvassing for the national ticket but putting in two links for A. J. Montague.

Hon. Jno. L. Jeffries is making an earnest fight for the Attorney-Generalship. He has canvassed in nearly every county in the State and has made a very favorable impression. Mr. J. is an able lawyer. He says he is not taking any part in the gubernatorial contest. His many friends in Culpeper would be pleased for him to secure the coveted prize.—Culpeper Enterprise.

Fraught with greater political significance than any other incident that has occurred in Republican councils in New York State in the last 20 years was the conference held Sunday in Senator Thomas C. Platt's room in New York city. Republican leaders were there from all parts of the State, called together by the man who has long been Republican dictator of the State for the ostensible purpose of deciding whether it would be advisable to force further police legislation at the present session of the Legislature. Mr. Platt's police scheme was debated. That which is of the greatest importance is the fact that Senator Platt may practically be deposed from the leadership of the Republican party of New York State. The victory brings Gov. Benjamin B. Odell, Jr., into the arena of national politics and places him in line for the Republican nomination for the Presidency. The humiliation of Senator Platt was so complete that he himself made the announcement that Gov. Odell is master of the situation.

Dr. W. E. Ketcher Designs.

Rev. Dr. W. E. Ketcher, one of the most widely known Baptist divines in the country, tendered his resignation as pastor of Grace Street Baptist church, Richmond, Sunday. He has been pastor about thirty years, and in that time has declined many calls to big churches in larger cities. He resigns to travel in the interest of Richmond College. John D. Rockefeller has given Richmond college \$25,000, not including \$75,000 being raised from other sources. Dr. Ketcher will try to secure this sum, and will probably devote the rest of his life to educational work.

MISS COLEMAN'S INDICTIONMENT.

Tells the Story of Her Courtship and Cause for her Suit.

When Lancaster court convened Saturday morning in the bench of promise suit of Miss Gertrude Coleman, of Lancaster county, Va., against Mr. R. M. Sanders, treasurer of Lancaster county, the plaintiff again took the stand and was re-examined, making the third day she had testified.

Her testimony as a whole was to the effect that at the time of her engagement to Mr. Sanders she was teaching school in Princess Anne county, Va. When he addressed her she took the proposition twenty-four years and afterwards engaged herself to the defendant because she loved him.

Shortly after the engagement she was in Norfolk shopping and preparing for her marriage when she met Mr. Sanders. He stated to her that he was in trouble, and being pressed to state what it was said he was engaged to another woman and had not been able to arrange matters, and suggested that their marriage be postponed until April 27th. When pressed for an explanation he said he was joking. His explanation was satisfactory. He said he would be true to her and then proposed that then and there they get married. But about a week later he wrote to her and replied that her father's home was the proper place and that she had arranged to be married there.

April 4th he wrote and said that he would be unable to complete his arrangements, asking for a postponement. She wrote and telegraphed for an explanation. On April 27th he wrote and asked to be released, saying that his physician thought him in no condition to marry. This was in 1898. That fall Miss Coleman instituted suit in the Circuit Court of Lancaster for \$10,000. She was awarded \$4,000. The Court of Appeals set the verdict aside on the grounds that the plaintiff was not a defendant made the breach a justifiable one.

Mr. Sanders then at once married a young lady of Powhatan county, Miss Coleman, who is highly educated, is about twenty-four years of age. She is both pretty and attractive. Mr. Sanders is over thirty years her senior and is a wealthy and popular gentleman.

It is thought that the trial will last at least two weeks longer.

B. Y. P. U. ANNIVERSARY.

Interesting Occasion—Address by Rev. Andrew Broadus.

Sunday night at the Baptist church the 3rd anniversary of the B. Y. P. U. was celebrated. The occasion was of unusual interest, and the program was excellent from beginning to end. Mr. D. C. Cole, the president of the Union, presided, and his "Words of Welcome," as well as management of the program, was all appropriately and happily done. Rev. Dr. J. S. Hill spoke a "Word of Cheer," telling of the successful workings of the Union, and his hopeful outlook. The music was choice, and the two solos—the one by H. M. Adkins, and the other by Miss Minnie Dowling—were both greatly enjoyed. The address of the occasion, by Rev. Andrew Broadus, on "Caution and Courage," was appropriate and full of power. The large audience was held in rapt attention. He skillfully pointed out the dangers along the path of the young people's movement, and showed the necessity for caution. He then spoke of the difficulties to be overcome, and urged courageous action. The address was replete with helpful suggestions, happy illustrations and forcible appeals. Mr. B. leaves in the church and community a deep impression as an earnest man of God, and he will always find a hearty welcome here.

SOME DEATHS.

Geo. E. Kellam, of Accomac county, died last week.

Mrs. Elizabeth Gaskill died recently in Accomac county.

Mr. Joseph Baxter, of Westmoreland county, died last week.

Eldon Carpenter died at his home in Madison county last week.

Mrs. William Powell, of Northumberland county, died last week.

Mrs. Nannie Brizendine, of Essex county, died last week, after a long illness.

Mr. John H. Kidwell died in Orange county last week, aged about 60 years.

Mr. Edward Jones, a Confederate veteran of Hanover county, died last week.

Mrs. Nettie Butler died last week at her home in Orange county, aged 78 years.

Capt. Thomas B. Massie, a well-known citizen of Rappahannock county, died last week, aged 76 years.

Mr. John Kult, father of Mrs. A. B. Wood, of Millenbeck, was killed by a trolley car in Pendleton, Indiana, last week.

Mrs. Elias Williams, formerly of Warrenton, Fauquier county, died recently at the home of her son Rev. Edward Williams, of Danville, Va.

Mrs. Fenton Brown (nee Talanero) died in Washington March 14th, and was buried at Old Accoomac Church, near Hague, Westmoreland county.

CHINA.

Japan is ready to fight Russia and is determined to resist the secret agreements. It is thought the other powers would not interfere.

A committee of ministers has been appointed to discover China's resources and report on her ability to pay the indemnity to be demanded by the Powers.

Affairs at Tientsin have assumed a more amiable aspect, and there is no indication of further trouble between the Russian and British troops. It is feared a clash will occur between Japan and Russia over Manchuria.

"The Chinese are far from being effete," says Minister Wu. "Long before the ancestors of Western people ceased to wander as naked savages in the primeval forests of Central Europe, the Chinese knew the use of the compass and the art of printing."

MARRIAGES.

Mr. Arthur Withers and Miss Rena Clark, both of Richmond county, were married last week by Rev. W. E. Wright.

Mr. Walter Lee Trevillion and Miss Laura Yates Rile were married by Elder W. E. Watt, in Gloucester county, last week.

Mr. Geo. Washington Hensley and Miss Edna Randall were married last week in Prince William county by Rev. Robt. Smith.

Miss Angelina Seay was married last week to Mr. Emmett Seay at the home of the bride, in Hanover county, by Rev. G. W. M. Taylor.

Clerk Eastman issued marriage license to Mr. Lloyd C. Apsey and Miss Ellen Mayo; T. L. Shreve and Miss Maurice Graham, all of Middlesex county.

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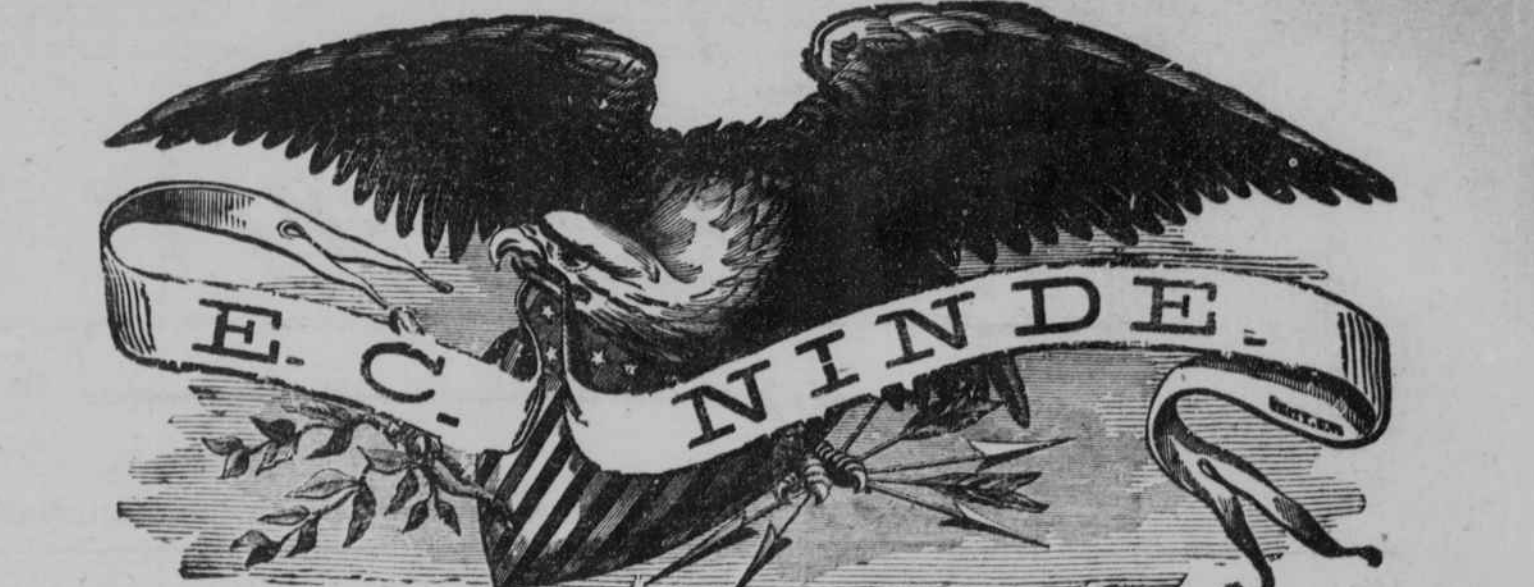
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